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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A catheter assembly allowing for non contaminated insertion of the catheter into a urinary canal, said assembly comprising:

a urinary catheter defining a conduit and having a proximal end adapted for insertion into a urinary canal of an individual and an opposite distal end;

a closed catheter package having a generally tubular body ~~hose~~ with a cavity for accommodation of the catheter and, in a proximal end thereof, a catheter outlet ~~adapted to dismantle through which~~ the proximal end of the catheter can be projected from the catheter package upon opening thereof, said package also being provided with an opening separate from said catheter outlet for draining a liquid substance out of the package, said opening being closed before said catheter package is opened by a closing structure connected to said catheter, said closing structure being configured to open said opening ~~for causing opening of the package upon removal~~ projection of the proximal end of said catheter from the package; and

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a sealing structure adapted to provide a substantially liquid tight seal between the catheter package and the urinary catheter, while the catheter is being dismantled.

2. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein the sealing structure is provided in the proximal end of the package, the cavity thereby defining a receptacle between the catheter and the generally tubular body hose.

3. (Currently Amended) The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein the sealing structure is arranged between an outer surface of the urinary catheter and an inner surface of the hose, the cavity thereby defining an upper receptacle located near the proximal end of the package and an oppositely located lower receptacle between the catheter and the generally tubular body hose.

4. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein the sealing structure includes a radially outwardly extending protrusion of the outer surface of the catheter.

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5. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein the sealing means comprises at least two radially outwardly extending protrusions of the outer surface of the catheter.

6. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A The catheter assembly according to claim 5, wherein at least two of the at least two protrusions are provided with different radial sizes.

7. (Currently Amended) A The catheter assembly according to claim 4, wherein at least one protrusion defines a resilient vane adapted to contact an inner surface of the generally tubular body hose.

8. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein the sealing means comprises at least one radially inwardly extending protrusion of the inner surface of the generally tubular body hose.

9. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein the sealing means comprises at

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least two radially inwardly extending protrusions of an inner surface of the generally tubular body hose.

10. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A The catheter assembly according to claim 9, wherein at least two of the at least two protrusions are provided with different radial sizes.

11. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A The catheter assembly according to claim 5, wherein at least one protrusion defines a resilient vane adapted to contact an outer surface of the catheter.

12. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein the sealing means comprises a ring shaped member arranged between an inner surface of the generally tubular body hose and an outer surface of the catheter.

13. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A The catheter assembly according to claim 12, wherein the ring shaped member is displaceably arranged between the inner surface of the generally tubular body hose and the outer surface of the catheter.

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14. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A The catheter assembly according to claim 12, wherein the ring shaped member is adapted to co-operate with an inwardly extending protrusion of the inner surface of the generally tubular body ~~hose~~.

15. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A The catheter assembly according to claim 12, wherein the ring shaped member is adapted to co-operate with an outwardly extending protrusion of the catheter.

16. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein a distance from the proximal end of the catheter package to the position of the sealing structure constitutes between 0 and 100 % of a total distance between the proximal end of the catheter package and the opposite distal end of the package.

17. (Withdrawn) The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein the sealing structure is adapted to provide a substantially liquid tight seal between the catheter package and the catheter, while a first length of the catheter is being dismantled over a first dismantle period.

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18. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein a liquid flow channel is defined between the catheter package and the catheter while the catheter is being dismantled over a second dismantle period.

19. (Withdrawn) A catheter assembly according to claim 17, wherein the length of the first dismantle period constitutes between 0 and 100 % of a total length of the package.

20. (Withdrawn) The catheter assembly according to claim 17, wherein the substantially liquid tight seal is provided continuously between the catheter package and the catheter over the first dismantle period.

21. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein the catheter is provided with an outer surface part which, when treated with a friction-reducing substance, exhibits a low friction surface character.

22. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 21, wherein the package defines a liquid tight wetting pocket for treatment of the surface part with the substance.

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23. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 21, further comprising an amount of the substance sufficient for effecting a treatment of at least the proximal end of the catheter, so as to provide a low friction surface property of at least that part of the catheter surface.

24. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A The catheter assembly according to claim 23, wherein the amount of the substance is contained in a pouch connected to the assembly.

25. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A The catheter assembly according to claim 24, wherein the pouch constitutes a closure for closing one of either the proximal or distal ends of the package.

26. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 23, wherein the substance is a lubricant.

27. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 23, wherein the substance is a water based solution for treatment of a hydrophilic catheter.

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28. (Canceled).

29. (Currently Amended) The ~~urinary~~ catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein the opening is provided in the distal end of the package.

30. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The catheter assembly according to claim 28, wherein the opening is being closed by a distal end of the catheter itself.

31. (Withdrawn) The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein the package is formed with a wall of a substantially gas impermeable material so as to allow long time preservation of the catheter and a liquid substance in the package.

32. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein the closing structure connected to the urinary catheter is provided with a flow channel co-operating with an outlet provided in the package so as, in a first position of the closing structure in relation to the outlet, to prevent a liquid substance to flow from the conduit of the catheter and out of the package.

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33. (Currently Amended) The ~~urinary~~ catheter assembly according to claim 32, wherein the outlet and the flow channel are provided so as, in a second position of the closing structure in relation to the outlet, to allow a liquid substance to flow from the conduit of the catheter and out of the package.

34. (Currently Amended) The ~~urinary~~ catheter assembly according to claim 32, wherein the flow channel of the closing structure further includes at least one inlet allowing a liquid substance to flow between the one of either the lower or upper receptacles and the conduit of the catheter.

35. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~A urinary~~ The catheter assembly according to claim 34, wherein the inlet of the closing means is adapted to allow a liquid substance to flow substantially in one direction and to prevent a liquid substance to flow in the opposite direction.

36. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~A urinary~~ The catheter assembly according to claim 35, wherein said direction is the direction from one of either the lower or upper receptacles and into the conduit.

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37. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein the generally tubular body hose is formed with a wall of a flexible material so as to allow the tubular body hose wall to be squeezed into contact with the catheter by finger pressure for use as an applicator for guided noncontaminating insertion of the catheter.

38. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein the generally tubular body hose is provided with a variable length, allowing said body ~~the hose~~ to be contracted for exposing the proximal end of the catheter through the catheter outlet.

39. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The catheter assembly according to claim 38, wherein the variable length is provided by a telescopic arrangement of a first part of the generally tubular body hose in relation to a second part thereof ~~of the hose~~.

40. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The catheter assembly according to claim 38, wherein the variable length is provided by a concertina folded wall part of the generally tubular body hose.

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41. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein the package is being closed in the proximal end by a detachable closure.

42. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~A urinary~~ The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein the catheter package further comprises a compartment being closed in a first end whereas in a second opposite end it is detachably connected with said generally tubular body ~~hose~~, the compartment being formed with a wall of a flexible material so as to allow the compartment wall to be squeezed into contact with the catheter by finger pressure for use as an applicator for guided non-contaminating insertion of the catheter into the urinary canal after opening the first closed end and detachment of the compartment from the said tubular body ~~hose~~.

43. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The catheter assembly according to claim 42, wherein the compartment is connected with the proximal end of the package so as to allow the compartment wall to be squeezed into contact with the proximal end of the catheter.

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44. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A The catheter assembly according to claim 42, wherein a detachable cover member is closing the first end of the compartment.

45. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A The catheter assembly according to claim 44, wherein the detachable cover member is re-connectable to the first end of the compartment.

46. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A The catheter assembly according to claim 42, wherein the compartment is provided with a gripping zone for easing the grip during the use of the compartment for insertion of the catheter into the urinary canal.

47. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A The catheter assembly according to claim 44, wherein the cover member is provided with a gripping zone for easing the grip during detachment of the cover member.

48. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein the generally tubular body ~~hose~~ is provided with a gripping zone for easing the grip during insertion of the catheter into the urinary canal.

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49. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A The catheter assembly according to claim 46, wherein the gripping zones are substantially radially extending.

50. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A The catheter assembly according to claim 42, wherein the connection between the compartment and said generally tubular body ~~the hose~~ is provided by a weakening line for tearing off the compartment from said body ~~the hose~~.

51. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A The catheter assembly according to claim 50, wherein the connection between the compartment and said generally tubular body ~~the hose~~ may be re-established by twisting and/or pushing the compartment onto said body ~~the hose~~.

52. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A The catheter assembly according to claim 42, wherein the compartment is provided with a weakening line for opening the first end by tearing off a first end part of the compartment.

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53. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~A urinary~~ The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein the distal end of the package is connected with a reservoir for accommodation of a liquid substance.

54. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~A urinary~~ The catheter assembly according to claim 49, wherein the reservoir provides accommodation for a volume between 0 and 5000 ml.

55. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The catheter assembly according to claim 53, wherein the connection between the distal end of the package and the reservoir is adapted to allow the liquid substance to flow in a direction from the package to the reservoir and to prevent the liquid substance to flow in a direction from the reservoir to the package.

56. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The catheter assembly according to claim 53, wherein the reservoir defines a draining spout for draining the liquid substance out of the reservoir.

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57. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A The catheter assembly according to claim 56, wherein the draining spout is closed by a detachable cover member.

58. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A The catheter assembly according to claim 57, wherein the detachable cover member is re-connected for closing the spout.

59. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A The catheter assembly according to claim 57, wherein the detachable cover member is connected to the spout via a tear-off line.

60. (Currently Amended) A catheter assembly comprising:
a urinary catheter defining a conduit and having a proximal end adapted for insertion into the urinary canal of an individual and an opposite distal end; and
a catheter package having a generally tubular body hose with a cavity for accommodation of at least said proximal end of the catheter, and, in a proximal end thereof, of said package including a catheter outlet adapted to dismantle through which the proximal end of the catheter from the catheter package can be projected upon opening of said package and, in an opposite distal

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end ~~thereof~~, of said package including an opening ~~being~~ closed by a closing structure connected to said catheter, said closing structure being configured to open said package distal end for ~~causing opening of the package upon removal~~ projection of the proximal end of said catheter from the package prior to use.

61. (Withdrawn) A catheter assembly according to claim 60, wherein the opening is being closed by a distal end of the catheter itself.

62. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 60, wherein the catheter is provided with an outer surface part which, when treated with a friction-reducing substance, exhibits a low friction surface character.

63. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 62, wherein the package defines a liquid tight receptacle for treatment of the surface part with the substance.

64. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 63, further comprising an amount of the substance sufficient for effecting a treatment of the surface part so as to

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provide a low friction surface property of at least that part of the catheter surface.

65. (Withdrawn) A catheter assembly according to claim 64, wherein the amount of the substance is contained in a pouch connected to the assembly.

66. (Withdrawn) A catheter assembly according to claim 65, wherein the pouch constitutes a closure for closing one of either the proximal or distal ends of the package.

67. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 64, wherein the substance is a lubricant.

68. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 64, wherein the substance is a water or saline solution for treatment of a hydrophilic catheter.

69. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 60, wherein the package is formed with a wall of a substantially gas impermeable material so as to allow long time preservation of the catheter and the substance in the package.

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70. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 60, wherein the closing structure connected to the urinary catheter is provided with a flow channel co-operating with an outlet provided in the package so as, in a first position of the closing structure in relation to the outlet, to prevent a liquid substance to flow from the conduit of the catheter and out of the package.

71. (Previously Presented) The urinary catheter assembly according to claim 70, wherein the outlet and the flow channel are provided so as, in a second position of the closing structure in relation to the outlet, to allow a liquid substance to flow from the conduit of the catheter and out of the package.

72. (Previously Presented) The urinary catheter assembly according to claim 70, wherein the flow channel of the closing structure further includes at least one inlet allowing a liquid substance to flow from the receptacle to the conduit of the catheter.

73. (Withdrawn) A urinary catheter assembly according to claim 72, wherein the inlet of the closing means is adapted to

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allow a liquid substance to flow in a direction from the receptacle to the conduit of the catheter and to prevent a liquid substance to flow in the opposite direction.

Claims 74-79 (Canceled).

80. (New) The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein said closed package accommodates all of said catheter before being opened.

81. (New) A catheter assembly according to claim 60, wherein said package before being opened accommodates all of said catheter.

82. (New) A catheter assembly comprising:
a urinary catheter defining a conduit and having a proximal end adapted for insertion into the urinary canal of an individual and an opposite distal end; and
a catheter package having a generally tubular body closed at a distal end by a closing structure and closed at a proximal end by a closure to define a closed cavity for accommodation of the catheter, said closure covering a catheter

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outlet through which the proximal end of the catheter can be projected upon opening of the catheter package, said closing structure being connected to said catheter and configured to open said distal end of the package to allow fluid flow therethrough upon projection of the proximal end of said catheter through the catheter outlet prior to use.

83. (New) The catheter assembly according to claim 82, wherein said package before being opened accommodates all of said catheter.